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AFFORESTATION IN THE COUNTRY
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of afforestation programmes launched by the Government in various States;

(b) the target fixed for afforestation in the country during the Ninth Plan, State-wise, Union Territory-wise;

(c) the allocation made under these programmes during the last three years, State-wise;

(d) whether some such programmes were launched in Eighth Plan period;

(e) if so, the progress thereof, State-wise;

(f) whether steps are being taken to make the centrally sponsored afforestation programme a great success; and
(g) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS(SHRI T. R. BAALU)

(a) & (b) Four major centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Environment and Forests are being operated in States for promoting afforestation in the country. These are
(i) Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme
(ii) Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme,
(iii) Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce (including Medicinal Plants) Scheme and,
(iv) Association of Scheduled Tribes and Rural Poor in the Regeneration of Degraded Forests on Usufruct Sharing Basis. Tree planting activities are also taken up by States under their plan schemes, and schemes of the other central ministries under the Twenty Point Programme. The targets for tree planting are fixed annually under Point No. 16 of the Twenty Point Programme in terms of area coverage and seedling distribution. These targets for the period 1997-98 to 2000-01 are given in Annexure I.

(c) As per information given by the Planning Commission, the outlay for the forestry and wildlife sector during 1997-98 to 1999-2000 was Rs. 3,874.78 crores. State-wise allocations are given in Annexure II.

(d) & (e) The targets and achievements of tree planting and seedling distribution under the Twenty Point Programme, which was also in operation during the Eighth Plan, are given, state-wise, in Annexure III.

(f) & (g) Operational Guidelines of the centrally sponsored schemes of the Ministry of Environments and Forests, viz., Integrated Afforestation and Eco-Development Project Scheme, Area Oriented Fuelwood and Fodder Projects Scheme, and Conservation and Development of Non-Timber Forest Produce (including Medicinal Plants) Scheme have been revised for their operation in the Ninth Plan to provide special emphasis on Joint Forest Management, microplanning, induction of improved technologies, monitoring and evaluation, etc.